

Amendment No. 1 to HB0353

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 552

House Bill No. 353*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section is known and may be cited as "Sergeant Chris Jenkins Law."

(b) It is an offense for a person to operate a motor vehicle upon a public roadway while transporting a ladder on the motor vehicle or in an open bed or trailer that is not firmly secured by adequate means to prevent the ladder from falling onto the roadway. A ladder being transported as described in this subsection (b) must be secured with lateral straps affixed at each end of the ladder.

(c) This section does not alter or amend any requirements in § 65-15-111 pertaining to additional requirements for commercial motor vehicles.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor; except, that if an improperly secured ladder causes or contributes to a motor vehicle accident, then a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.